as all the six wells drilled by ONGC in Bihar have turned out to be dry.

(d) to (f) A rig may be brought in for taking up drilling operations as and when a drillable prospect is identified.

Civic Election

6221. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the constitutional amendment, civic elections be held in each State of country;

(b) if so, whether the civic elections have been held in the urban area of shillong in Meghalaya after the constitutional amendment came into force ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) when the civic election were last held in Shillong;

(e) whether it is proposed to be hold the elections in the coming months; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) As per Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992, elections to Urban Local Bodies are required to be held every five years, unless the Municipality is sooner dissolved under any Law for the time being in force. A statement indicating the election position of Urban Local Bodies in the country is attached.

(b) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Election to Urban Local Bodies

Sl. No.	State/UTs		Position about elections to ULBs.
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STATES			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	Elections completed in all Municipal Bodies excepts 14 Municipalities and 2 Rajamundary Corporations. Elections to these local bodies likely to be held by the end of May, 1997.
2.	Arunachal Pd.	-	No Municipality exists.
3.	Assam	-	State Govt. has deciced to held election to 62 No. of Municipal Board & Town Committee in May, 1997. Election will not take place in respect of Goalpara Municipal Board and Bihpuria Town Committee as their term has not expired. Election to one ULB i.e. Tejpur Municipal Board have been held in September, 1996.
4.	Bihar	-	Provisions as per Constitution Amendments Act for reservation for seats were made in the State Municipal laws and Panchyati Raj Laws. The Patna High Court, however, has quashed the provisions for reservation for seats in relation to Panchyati Raj Institution. The State Govt. has filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court. The Advocate-General for the State has advised to wait for the decision of the Supreme Court on the above SLP. The State Govt. will conduct the elections immediately after the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter.
5.	Goa	-	Elections held.
6.	Gujarat	-	Elections held.
7.	Haryana	-	Elections held.
8.	Himachal Pd.	-	Elections held in all Municipalities except Shimla Municipal Corporation where elections are scheduled for June, 97.
9.	Karnataka	-	Elections held.
10.	Kerala	-	Elections held.

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11.	Madhya Pradesh	-	Elections held in all Municipalities except 1 Municipal Corporation, 9 Municipalities and 22 Nagar Panchayatas where elections will be held after the completion of delimitation of wards.
12.	Maharashtra	-	Elections 9 Municipal Corporation and 203 Municipal Council have been held in Feb., 1997
13.	Manipur	-	Elections held.
14.	Orissa	-	The State Govt. have taken steps for holding elections to the dissolved Municipalities. Delimitation of wards and reservation of seats in Municipalities completed in June, 1996. A finalisation of reservation of seats of Offices of chairperson is in process due to amended effected to the Orissa Municipality Act, 1950 by an Ordinance recently. The date of poll will be announced by the State Election Comm. after process is completed.
15.	Punjab	-	Elections held.
16.	Rajasthan	-	Elections held.
17.	Sikkim	-	As of date Sikkim has no municipality. The Sikkim Municipality Act, 1995 has been promulgated and election is likely to be held in October, 1997.
18.	Tamil Nadu	-	Elections held.
19.	Tripura	-	Elections held.
20.	Uttar Pradesh	-	Elections held.
21.	West Bengal	-	Elections held.
22.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	Act is not applicable.
23.	Meghalaya	-	Information awaited from the State.
24.	Mizoram	-	No urban local body exists.
25.	Nagaland	-	No urban local body exists.
UNION TERRITORIES			
1.	Delhi	-	Elections to Municipal Corporation of Delhi held.
2.	Chandigarh	-	Elections held.
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	Elections held.
4.	Daman & Diu		
	i. Daman	-	Elections already held.
	ii. Diu	-	Election is due on 16.7.97.
5.	Pondicherry	-	Elections scheduled for Oct., 1996, could not held due to Court cases. Further information awaited.
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	There is no Urban Local Body, entire area is rural.
7.	Lakshadweep	-	

Training of Foreign Medical Graduates

6222. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. Government has banned the expenses incurred on training of foreign medical graduates there;

(b) if so, the number of Indian medical graduates affected by this ban;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from the Indian medical graduates in this matter; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?